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Col. W. S. Barry will be exchanged at Vicksburg, with Thomas Liddell and two hundred and sixty-five others, captured at Spanish Fort. They will be here in a day or two, we suppose.

We have a communication from D. P. Blair, special agent of the Postoffice Department, suggesting the necessity for the temporary retention of the employees of the present postal system. He suggests that all persons connected with the mail service be authoritatively notified to continue in discharge of their duties until the changes required at Washington to be made are known.

**PAROLLING OF LEE'S ARMY.**—The New York Herald's correspondent says the parolling of Lee's army was completed on the 31st ult.

The official report put the number of men at 29,115; 159 pieces of artillery; 61 stands of colors; and 15,918 stands of small arms; 1,100 wagons, caissons, etc., and 400 horses and mules.

"Gen. Lee arrived in this city about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, attended by five members of his staff. He rode into the city over the pontoon bridge at the foot of Seventeenth street, and thence up Main street to his residence, on Franklin street, between Seventh and Eighth. Passing rapidly through the city, he was recognized by a few citizens, who raised their hats, a compliment which was in every case returned, but on nearing his residence, the fact of his presence having spread quickly, a great crowd rushed to see him and set up a loud cheering, to which he replied by simply raising his hat. As he descended from his horse a large number of persons pressed forward and shook hands with him. This ceremony being gotten through with by the General as quickly as possible he entered into his house and the crowd dispersed.

"The rebuilding of the burnt district has been commenced. All kinds of business are brisk. All able bodied contrabands will be put to work removing the rubbish of the late conflagration.

"From a gentleman direct from Gloucester county we learn that the negroes from the Peninsula and the vicinity of Yorktown, are banded together to the number of several thousand, and are committing the most wanton depredations upon the unarmed inhabitants of the country.

"The Protestant Episcopal Churches in the city closed yesterday. A brief statement will explain the cause of this proceeding. The Episcopal Churches, it

seems were obnoxious to General Order No. 29, which says: "In all churches where prayers heretofore have been offered for the so-called President of the Confederate States, a similar mark of respect is hereby ordered to be paid the President of the United States." The rules of the church ordain that while omissions may be made in prayers, no portion shall be changed except by authority of an ecclesiastical council, which must be presided over by the Bishop of the diocese. The prayers heretofore used included the words "Confederate States," and though clergymen were at liberty and willing to omit the obnoxious words, they had no authority to substitute the words "United States." Bishop Johns is in Halifax, therefore there could be no communication with him, and no council could be held. In this dilemma the clergymen of the various churches waited on Gen. Ord and asked the case. The General said the explanation was satisfactory, but the churches must be closed. The clergymen were obliged to obey their ecclesiastical and military superiors.

The original ordinance of secession in Virginia was destroyed by the conflagration.

John Inwood, proprietor of the theatre here bearing his name, is about to open a theatre in Richmond.

A curious fancy toy set, a miniature fac simile of a locomotive and tender, formerly the property of Jeff. Davis, and sold at auction before the evacuation of Richmond, was subsequently purchased by a Philadelphia gentleman, to be presented to President Lincoln.

**WASHINGTON, April 18.**—The Richmond Whig of yesterday has an editorial on the assassination of President Lincoln, and says: "The heaviest blow which has ever fallen upon the people of the South has descended. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, has been assassinated. The decease of the Chief Magistrate of the nation at any period is an event which profoundly affects the public mind, but the time, manner and circumstances of President Lincoln's death, render it the most momentous, most appalling, and most deplorable calamity which has befallen the people of the United States. The thoughtless and vicious may affect to derive satisfaction from the sudden and tragic close of the President's career, but every reflecting person will deplore the awful event. Just as everything was happily conspiring to a restoration of tranquility under the benignant and magnanimous policy of Mr. Lincoln, comes this terrible blow. God grant that it may not rekindle excitement or inflame passion again. That a state of war, almost fratricidal, should give rise to bitter feelings and bloody deeds in the field, was to be expected; but that the assassin's knife and bullet should follow the great and best loved of the nation in their daily walks, and reach them when surrounded by their friends, is an atrocity which will shock every honorable man and woman in the land.

"The abhorrence with which it is regarded on all sides will, it is hoped, de-

ter insure and malignant men from emulating the infamy which attaches to this infernal deed. We cannot pursue the subject further. We contemplate too deeply and too painfully the terrible aspects of this calamity to comment on it further. The people of Petersburg had this afflicting news yesterday before it was made public here. Judge W. T. Jones, Roger A. Pryor, John Lyon, and other prominent citizens, united in a call for a public meeting to express, if words could do so, their grief for so sad an event, their abhorrence of the deed, and ask sympathy for the bereaved. We know that the citizens of Richmond will take similar action.

**A BLUNDERING FEDERAL GENERAL.**—Exchange of Prisoners last week.—Somedays ago we stated that Gen. Hatch and Gen. Forrest, acting under authority from their respective Governments, had entered into an agreement to exchange ten thousand prisoners of war at Eastport, Miss. The understanding was perfect, and the poor, half starved Union prisoners were on the way to Federal lines, when one of our Generals, in command of a cavalry expedition, being ignorant of the arrangement, made a raid on the main railroad in Mississippi, and destroyed some fifteen miles of the line, thus completely severing all communication. The Union soldiers, by this destruction, were unable to reach Eastport, where every provision had been made for their reception and comfort.

They were returned to their dreary prisons and left to bitterly mourn their fate. It was a cruel disappointment to them, yet no blame can attach to any one. The destruction of the railroad was another blow aimed at the life of the Confederacy, and one calculated to hasten its final doom. There was no bad faith in the matter, for the general who made the raid was ignorant of the expected arrival of the captives. We are glad to be able to state that a new arrangement has been entered into, and the exchange now will take place at Vicksburg. The Federal soldiers are already on the way to that point. They will have to march many a weary mile, and in their weak condition, this severely tax their feeble power. This, however, is preferable to cheerless prison life. [Louisville Journal.]

A correspondent of the Chattanooga Gazette mentions the names of Judge Patterson, N. G. Taylor, A. A. Kyle, Horace Maynard and General Milligan in connection with the United States Senatorship which custom has given to East Tennessee.

### TRUNK LOST.

A SMALL RED TRUNK, marked simply "Mrs. B. Ray," was lost at Neshoba, about ten days since. It contained articles, such as family ambrotypes, private letters, books and lady's writing desk, of value only to the owner. Any information in regard to it will be gratefully received. Address Rev. A. W. CHAMBLISS, Neshoba, Miss.